

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 2 FEBRUARY 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1206-0-01 (ACCNO 5459) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: HOLDEN, ELMER LARRY Date Status assigned: 11 Jun 1968

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|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|------------|----------|
| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | # |
| Service | AIR FORCE | Sex | MALE | Blood type | A + |
| Grade | E5 | Hair | BLOND | Complexion | # |
| SSAN | DATA | Eyes | BLUE | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | | Height | 69 in / 1.75 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | 19 Feb 1944 | Weight | 141 lb / 63.9 kg | Duty pos | FLT ENGR |
| Home State | OKLAHOMA | Religion | PROTESTANT | PW Camp | \$ |

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QYD235100
Lat/Long: 162144N / 1070534E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: THUA THIEN-HUE
(formerly): THUA THIEN
Mission District: A LUOI
Mission Date: 9 Jun 1968
Mission Category: 2
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Mar 92
Additional Information Obtained: Aug 92
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

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| Vehicle Type: HH3E | Serial: 14710 |
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| Service | AIR FORCE | Sex | MALE | Blood type | A + |
| Grade | E4 | Hair | BROWN | Complexion | # |
| SSAN | DATA | Eyes | BLUE | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | | Height | 68 in / 1.73 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | 25 Feb 1947 | Weight | 186 lb / 84.3 kg | Duty pos | PARARESC |
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Name: YEEND, RICHARD CAROLINUS JR Date Status assigned: 9 Jun 1969

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| Service | AIR FORCE | Sex | MALE | Blood type | A + |
| Grade | 03 | Hair | BROWN | Complexion | # |
| SSAN | | Eyes | BLUE | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | DATA | Height | 72 in / 1.83 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | 11 Oct 1938 | Weight | 185 lb / 83.8 kg | Duty pos | COPILOT |
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Name: RITTICHER, JACK COLUMBUS Date Status assigned: 0 0

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| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | # |
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| Grade | 02 | Hair | BROWN | Complexion | FAIR |
| SSAN | # | Eyes | BLUE | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | DATA | Height | 71 in / 1.80 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | 17 Aug 1933 | Weight | 183 lb / 82.9 kg | Duty pos | PILOT |
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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

28 July 1975

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2 February 1994

THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ONLY. SOURCE PROVIDED JTF-FA TEAM MEMBERS IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH THREE UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. TWO OF THE THREE NAMES CORRELATED TO REFNO 0881-0-01 AND REFNO 1206-0-04. THE SOURCE CORRECTLY PROVIDED LIEUTENANT RITTICHIER'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL, SERVICE NUMBER, BLOOD TYPE AND BRANCH OF SERVICE. THE OTHER NAME AND SERVICE NUMBER DID NOT CORRELATE TO ANY UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL. SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION THAT THREE SETS OF REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA WERE ALLEGEDLY BEING HELD BY AN UNKNOWN THIRD PERSON IN HUE CITY. (REF 9)

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=== REFERENCES ===

28 July 1975

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

2 April 1992

CASE NARRATIVE PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 30 MARCH 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

28 July 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: ELMER L. HOLDEN 1206-0-01, JAMES D. LOCKER 1206-0-02, RICHARD C. YEEND 1206-0-03, AND JACK C. RITTICHER 1206-0-04.

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| Service | AIR FORCE | Sex | MALE | Blood type | A + |
| Grade | E5 | Hair | BLOND | Complexion | # |
| SSAN | DATA | Eyes | BLUE | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | 018639399 | Height | 69 in / 1.75 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | 19 Feb 1944 | Weight | 141 lb / 63.9 kg | Duty pos | FLT ENGR |
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Investigations: Apr 94
Surveys: Apr 94
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| Grade | E4 | Hair | BROWN | Complexion | # |
| SSAN | DATA | Eyes | BLUE | Weapon | # |
| Serial No | 015754661 | Height | 68 in /1.73 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | 25 Feb 1947 | Weight | 186 lb / 84.3 kg | Duty pos | PARARESC |
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2 February 1994

THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ONLY. SOURCE PROVIDED JTF-FA TEAM MEMBERS IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH THREE UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. TWO OF THE THREE NAMES CORRELATED TO REFNO 0881-0-01 AND REFNO 1206-0-04. THE SOURCE CORRECTLY PROVIDED LIEUTENANT RITTICHIER'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL, SERVICE NUMBER, BLOOD TYPE AND BRANCH OF SERVICE. THE OTHER NAME AND SERVICE NUMBER DID NOT CORRELATE TO ANY UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL. SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION THAT THREE SETS OF REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA WERE ALLEGEDLY BEING HELD BY AN UNKNOWN THIRD PERSON IN HUE CITY. (REF 9)

CASE: 1206

=== REFERENCES ===

28 July 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, AFMPC/DMSCB, W/INCLS, 28 FEB 75. <2> MSG, 366TFW, AFIN #57976, DTG 090655Z JUN 68. <3> 89-295, DTG 280834Z JUL 89. <4> JCRC LNO 130704Z NOV 89, 89-403. <5> JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 120954Z MAR 90, 90-086. <6> JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH, 100901Z MAY 90, 90-194. <7> IIR 6 024 0615 92, USDAO BANGKOK TH, 301029Z SEP 92. <8> 92-080, CJTFFA DET ONE, 310608Z JUL 92. <9> CJTF-FA, 121903Z OCT 92. <10> CJTFFA DET ONE 280147Z MAY 94.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

2 April 1992

CASE NARRATIVE PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 30 MARCH 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

28 July 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: ELMER L. HOLDEN 1206-0-01, JAMES D. LOCKER 1206-0-02, RICHARD C. YEEND 1206-0-03, AND JACK C. RITTICHIER 1206-0-04.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

9 June 1994

ON 9, 11, 17, AND 21 MAY 94, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1206 IN HUE CITY, A-LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE AND HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES IDENTIFIED IN REFUGEE REPORTS AS HAVING POSSESSION OF REMAINS AND AN IDENTIFICATION TAG ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. BOTH WITNESSES DENIED HAVING REMAINS OF ANY MISSING AMERICANS, BUT IDENTIFIED TWO RESIDENTS OF PHU OC HAMLET, PHONG AN VILLAGE, PHUONG DINH DISTRICT WHO ALLEGEDLY RECOVERED REMAINS FROM A CRASH SITE IN A-LUOI DISTRICT. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE OF THOSE RESIDENTS WHO DENIED RECOVERING ANY REMAINS FROM THE CRASH SITE. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE SCAVENGED A CRASH SITE AND RECOVERED A DOG TAG FROM THE SITE IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE WITNESS REFUSED TO LEAD THE TEAM TO THE CRASH SAYING HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE WAY. THE TEAM QUESTIONED LOCAL RESIDENTS IN THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE INDICATED BY THE WITNESS, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM SEARCHED A 500 X 500 METER AREA AT THE INCIDENT LOCATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. FUTURE COOPERATION FROM THE WITNESS IS NEEDED TO LOCATE THIS CRASH SITE. (REF 10)



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NARRATIVE

ON 9 JUNE 1968, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE JACK C. RITTICHIER, CAPTAIN RICHARD C. YEEND JR., STAFF SERGEANT ELMER L. HOLDEN AND SERGEANT JAMES D. LOCKER WERE THE CREW ABOARD AN HH-3E HELICOPTER (SERIAL NUMBER 67-14710) ON A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION IN THE A SHAU VALLEY AREA. THE HELICOPTER WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PICK UP A DOWNED CREW AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD235100, APPROXIMATELY 55 KILOMETERS WEST-SOUTHWEST OF HUE, 18 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF A LUOI AND 1300 METERS NORTHEAST OF KA KOU, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. THE CREW OF OTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA FLEW OVER THE BURNING WRECKAGE BUT SAW NO SURVIVORS AND HEARD NO BEEPER SIGNALS.

IN JULY 1992, A SOURCE REPORTED REMAINS AND AN IDENTIFICATION TAG FOR LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE RITTICHIER WERE TURNED IN TO OFFICE PA15, PUBLIC SECURITY, DONG NAI PROVINCE, ON 12 OCTOBER 1991. A RECEIPT ATTESTING TO THE TURN OVER OF REMAINS TO OFFICE PA15 INDICATED THAT THE REMAINS AND TAG WERE RECEIVED FROM MR. "NGUYEN HULL HUNG, BORN 1965, RESIDING AT PHUONG DUONG VILLAGE, HUONG PHUONG, BINH TRI THIEN". THE IDENTIFICATION TAG INFORMATION CORRELATES TO LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE RITTICHIER'S NAME, SERVICE NUMBER, BLOOD TYPE AND RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE.

PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING
THE 31 MAR 94 TECHNICAL MEETING

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PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: HOLDEN, ELMER LARRY
RANK: STAFF SERGEANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 19 FEBRUARY 1944
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.75 METERS
WEIGHT: 63.9 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLOND
EYES: BLUE

NAME: LOCKER, JAMES "D"
RANK: SERGEANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 25 FEBRUARY 1947
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.73 METERS
WEIGHT: 84.3 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE

NAME: YEEND, RICHARD CAROLINUS JR.
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 11 OCTOBER 1938
RACE: CAUCASIAN

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HEIGHT: 1.83 METERS

WEIGHT: 83.8 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BLUE

NAME: RITTICHER, JACK COLUMBUS

RANK: LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE, U.S. COAST GUARD

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 AUGUST 1933

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.80 METERS

WEIGHT: 82.9 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BLUE



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Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày 9 tháng 6 năm 1968, Trung úy JACK C. RITTICHER, Đại úy RICHARD C. YEEND, Trú, Trung sĩ nhất ELMER L. HOLDEN và Trung sĩ JAMES D. LOCKER là phi hành viên trên một chiếc máy bay trực thăng HH-3E (mang số hiệu 67-14710) làm nhiệm vụ tìm cứu ở khu vực Thung Lũng A Shau. Chiếc máy bay do đã bị trúng đạn từ dưới đất trong khi cố gắng lấy một phi hành đoàn xuống rồi, và đã bị rơi ở khu vực tọa độ YD235100, độ khoảng 55 cây số tây tây nam Huế, 18 cây số tây bắc A Luoi và 1300 mét đông bắc Ka Kou, tỉnh Thừa Thiên-Huế. Phi hành viên máy bay khác ở khu vực đó đã bay trên vật đổ nát mà đang cháy nhưng không thấy người sống sót và không nghe tín hiệu cấp cứu.

Vào tháng 7 năm 1992, một nguồn tin đã báo cáo là hải cốt và thẻ bài của Trung úy RITTICHER được giao trả đến phòng PA15, Công an, tỉnh Dong Nai vào ngày 12 tháng 10 năm 1991. Một tờ biên nhận làm chứng cuộc giao trả của hải cốt đến phòng PA15 chỉ là hải cốt và thẻ bài được nhận từ ông "Nguyễn Hull Hung sinh năm 1965 ở xã Phương Duong, Hương Phương, Bình Trị Thiên". Thông tin của thẻ bài đối chiếu với họ tên, quân số, loại máu, và tôn giáo của Trung úy RITTICHER.

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Số liệu thích hợp như sau:

Họ và tên: HOLDEN, ELMER LARRY

Cấp bậc: Trung sĩ nhất, Không quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: Ngày 19 tháng 2 năm 1944

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 mét 75

Cân nặng: 63 ki 9

Màu tóc: vàng

Màu mắt: Xanh

Họ và tên: LOCKER, JAMES "D"

Cấp bậc: Trung sĩ, Không quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: Ngày 25 tháng 2 năm 1947

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 mét 73

Cân nặng: 84 ki 3

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Xanh

Họ và tên: YEEND, RICHARD CAROLINUS, Trẻ

Vụ số 1206-0-01 đến 04

Cấp bậc: Đại úy, Không quân Mỹ

Ngày 11 tháng 10 năm 1938

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 mét 83

Cân nặng: 83 ki 8

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Xanh

Họ và tên: RITTICHER, JACK COLUMBUS

Cấp bậc: Trung úy, Lực lượng Phòng vệ Duyên hải

Ngày sinh: Ngày 17 tháng 8 năm 1933

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 mét 80

Cân nặng: 82 ki 9

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Xanh



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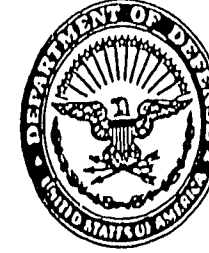
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EYES: BLUE

NAME: RITTICHER, JACK COLUMBUS
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WEIGHT: 82.9 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE



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Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày 9 tháng 6 năm 1968, Trung Úy JACK C. RITTICHER, Đại Úy RICHARD C. YEEND, Trĩ, Trung Sĩ Nhất ELME, GOLDEN và Trung Sĩ JAMES D. LOCKER là phi hành viên trên một chiếc máy bay trực thăng HH-3E (mang số 67-14710) làm nhiệm vụ tìm cứu ở khu vực Thung Lũng A SHAU. Chiếc máy bay đó đã bị trúng đạn từ dưới đất trong khi cố gắng lấy một phi hành đoàn xuống rồi, và đã bị rơi ở khu vực tọa độ YD235100, độ khoảng 55 ki-lô-mét tây tây-nam HUÊ, 18 ki-lô-mét tây-bắc A LUOI và 1300 mét đông-bắc KA KOU, tỉnh THUA THIÊN-HUÊ. Phi hành viên máy bay khác ở khu vực đó đã bay trên vật đổ nát mà đang cháy nhưng không thấy người sống sót và không nghe tín hiệu cấp cứu.

Vào tháng 7 năm 1992, một nguồn tin đã báo cáo là hài cốt và thẻ bài của Trung Úy RITTICHER được giao trả đến phòng PA15, công an, tỉnh Đông Nai vào ngày 12 tháng 10 năm 1991. Một tờ biên nhận làm chứng cuộc giao trả của hài cốt đến phòng PA15 chỉ là hài cốt và thẻ bài được nhận từ ông "Nguyễn Hull Hung sinh năm 1965 ở xã Phương Duong, Hương Phương, Bình Trị Thiên". Thông tin của thẻ bài đối chiếu với họ tên, quân số, loại mau, và tôn giáo của Trung úy RITTICHER.

Vào những ngày 9, 11, 17 và 21 tháng 5 năm 1994, một đội hỗn hợp điều tra vụ 1206 ở thành phố Huế, huyện A Lưới, tỉnh Thừa Thiên Huế và huyện Hương Hoa, tỉnh Quang Trị. Đội phỏng vấn hai nhân chứng được tìm do

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báo cáo bị nạn nghe nói là có hài cốt và thẻ bài liên quan đến vụ này.

Cả hai nhân chứng phản đối có hài cốt của người Mỹ bị mất tích, nhưng cho biết tên của hai người khác ở ấp Phước, xã Phong An, huyện Phương Định, có thể thu hồi hài cốt từ một chỗ rơi ở huyện A Lưới. Đội phỏng vấn một trong hai nhân chứng đó mà ông này phản đối thu hồi hài cốt nào cả từ chỗ rơi. Nhưng nói là đã thu nhặt nhóm và thu hồi thẻ bài từ hiện chứng này ở tỉnh Quảng Trị. Nhân chứng không chịu chỉ dẫn đội đến chỗ rơi vì nói là không nhớ rõ. Đội hỏi những người địa phương nhưng không được kết quả. Phải được hợp tác từ nhân chứng này để cố nhớ chỗ rơi. Đội cũng khảo sát hiện trường vụ này xảy ra với vô hiệu quả.

Số liệu thích hợp như sau:

Họ và tên: HOLDEN, ELMER LARRY

Cấp bậc: Trung Sĩ Nhất, Không quân Hoa Kỳ

Ngày sinh: Ngày 19 tháng 2 năm 1944

Chủng tộc: Da Trắng

Chiều cao: 1.75 mét

Sức nặng: 63.9 ki-lô-gám

Màu tóc: Vàng hoe

Màu mắt: Xanh

Họ và tên: LOCKER, JAMES "D"

Cấp bậc: Trung Sĩ, Không quân Hoa Kỳ

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Ngày sinh: Ngày 25 tháng 2 năm 1947

Chủng tộc: Da Trắng

Chiều cao: 1.73 mét

Sức nặng: 84.3 ki-lô-gám

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Xanh

Họ và tên: YEEND, RICHARD CAROLINUS, Trẻ

Cấp bậc: Đại Úy, Không quân Hoa Kỳ

Ngày sinh: Ngày 11 tháng 10 năm 1938

Chủng tộc: Da Trắng

Chiều cao: 1.83 mét

Sức nặng: 83.8 ki-lô-gám

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Xanh

Họ và tên: RITTICHER, JACK COLUMBUS

Cấp bậc: Trung Úy, Lực Lượng Phòng Vệ Duyên Hải

Ngày sinh: Ngày 17 tháng 8 năm 1933

Chủng tộc: Da Trắng

Chiều cao: 1.80 mét

Sức nặng: 82.9 ki-lô-gám

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Xanh